



Riverside Municipal Museum: Opportunities to Explore

2003-2004 School Programs at the Riverside Municipal Museum

Welcome to the 2003-2004 school programs season at the Riverside Municipal Museum! The Museum is offering an excellent repertoire of standards-aligned programs and workshops to suit the needs of every teacher. After evaluating feedback given from local teachers during the 2002-2003 season, we have developed school programs to include traditional favorites, such as trips to the Nature Lab, hands-on activities, and time to visit the galleries. We also included a few new learning opportunities that learners of all ages are sure to enjoy.

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Special points of interest:

- All Museum education programs are aligned with the California State Academic Standards
- Trained museum educators facilitate all programs using hands-on, interactive methods.
- Small groups make learning fun!

Aligned with Teachers

During your visit to the Riverside Municipal Museum, you can rest assured that every activity your students participate in is developed for their age level and academic background. Each program at the Riverside Municipal Museum is developed to support state academic standards. Activities and workshops can provide an excellent introduction to a spe-



Students participate in hands-on activities using real objects.

cific unit, or enable students to apply what they learned in the classroom. In addition, each program is designed with specific grade levels in mind, so students are able to connect with the program on an age-appropriate level. Contact the Museum for a complete statement of standards alignment for specific grade levels and programs.

How to Schedule a Program

☐ STEP 1: Choose a Subject

The Riverside Municipal Museum offers a wide variety of programs in three major subject areas: Riverside History, Native Americans and Nature Study. Each subject is covered in depth in accordance to age levels and state academic standards using authentic objects and materials. Refer to page 5 for descriptions of each program. Students are divided into small groups and work closely with a trained Museum Educator.

NEW THIS YEAR: Preschool programs are perfect for small groups (up to 25) of preschoolers or kindergarteners. See page 5 for details.

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☐ STEP 2: Choose an Option

Educators are invited to reserve one of three program options:

☐ Workshops

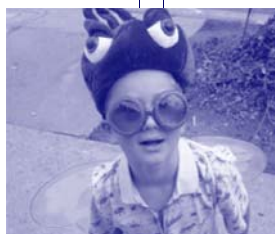
Workshops are 90 minute intensive programs where experienced museum educators guide students through three to four different activities. Each activity center uses real objects, and provides ample opportunities for students to explore a subject in depth.

☐ Cart Conversations

Students have the opportunity to visit the Museum galleries while making stops at various activity carts stationed around the Museum. Each activity cart uses real objects to explore a specific topic centered around a general theme. Cart conversations usually last approximately 45 minutes.

☐ Self-Guided Tours

Self-guided tours allow students to explore the Museum on their own without the expertise of a Museum Educator. Teachers and chaperones facilitate all self-guided tours.



Students learn the parts of insects through "Dress a Bug" activities.

☐ STEP 3: Complete Registration Form

Read "How to Schedule a School Program" on pages 3 and 4, and complete the School Programs Reservation Request on page three. Keep the top of the page for your records, and send in the form. You will be contacted when your form is received. Call the Museum at (909) 788-2747 should you have any questions about the reservation process.

☐ STEP 4: Wait for Confirmation

Your program is not reserved until you receive written confirmation materials from the Museum. If you do not receive these materials within 10 days after sending in the Reservation Request, contact the Museum.

Bring the Museum to Your Classroom!

Looking for an exciting way to connect students to ideas? Don't have the time or money to take students on a field trip? The Museum Loan Kit program helps to provide an added resource to educators to assist in engaging their students in the fields of Native American Study, Riverside History from 1871-present, and the Natural History of the Riverside region. By providing the use of hands-on items and information, educators can aid students in developing a connection to and a deeper understanding of their subject.

Loan kits are checked out on a weekly basis, and range from \$25.00-30.00 per kit. Teachers are welcome to photocopy kit ma-

terials and share kits with fellow teachers.

Loan kit topics include:

Native Americans: Cahuilla, Serrano, Luiseno, Gabrieleno.

Riverside History: John North and the Founding of Riverside, Matthew Gage- Bringing Water to a Dry Town, Eliza and Luther Tibbets- Unlikely Parents of the Citrus Industry, the Harada Family and the Pursuit of the American Dream

Nature Study: Patterns in Nature, Geology, Butterflies and Other Insects, Digestive Health.

For more information about loan kits, please call (909) 788-2747



2002-2003 School Programs

Riverside History

Riverside History programs encourage greater understanding of life during the Victorian era. Students explore the every day lives of typical early Riversiders using hands-on activities and objects. Activities may include Victorian culinary arts, turn of the century clothing, Victorian-era games and pastimes, and more.

Program At a Glance

Program focus: Riverside History

Most Appropriate grade level for program: Grades 3 and 4

Program Options: Workshop or Cart Conversations

Activity components may change.

Native Americans

Native American programs focus on the lives of local California Native Americans prior to contact with European settlers. Students are encouraged to compare and explore the lives of Native American via traditions, habits, and customs.

Program At a Glance

Program focus: Native Americans

Most Appropriate grade level for program: Grades 3 and 4

Program Options: Workshop or Cart Conversations

Activity components may change based on availability of materials.

Nature Study

Nature Study programs connect students with environmental science concepts through use of real objects, living materials and replicated artifacts. Students might participate in a fossil dig, touch real skulls or dissect owl pellets. A tour of the nature Lab living gallery is included with the program.

Program At a Glance

Program focus: Nature Study

Most Appropriate grade level for program: Grades 1, 2, 5

Program Options: Workshop of cart conversations.

Activity components may change based on availability of materials.

Self-Guided Tours

Self-guided tours are a great option for groups who may not have enough time to participate in a workshop or program. Students are allowed to view the Museum's galleries and exhibits at their own leisure, under the direction and supervision of chaperones and teachers.



Museum programs give students opportunities to participate in hands-on activities.

Gallery carts are staffed by Museum Educators and contain real objects for students to explore.

Program At a Glance

Program focus: Museum exploration

Length of program: At discretion of teacher.

Program Options: Gallery carts can be added to self guided program.

Gallery activity carts are a great addition to self-guided tours. Activity **Most Appropriate grade level for program:** any



Need more information?

We're here to help you create the best learning experiences for your students! Call us at (909) 788-2747 for assistance.

Kindergarten and Preschool Programs

Preschool and kindergarten programs nurture students' natural interest in nature through stimulating activities that emphasize active movement, collaborative activities, and critical thinking. Programs facilitate exploration of general nature topics such as insects, animal behavior or wildlife. All programs include a tour of the Nature Lab: a live animal exhibit displaying plants, insects, reptiles and amphibians. Typical activities may include:

- Creating rubbings of nature plates or leaves to take home
- Dressing up like an insect to understand the parts of a bug
- Active participation in the reading of a story
- Nature Lab tour
- Opportunities to touch real objects.

Program At a Glance

Program focus: Nature study

Most Appropriate grade level for program: Preschool and Kindergarten

Program Option: 30 minute Workshop

Activity components may change based on availability of materials.

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Other Opportunities to Learn

Out-of School Opportunities for Youth

Students can apply what they learn in the classroom through a variety of family learning opportunities at the Riverside Municipal Museum.



After School Science Adventures occur every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-4:30 between the months of October and June. Students complete science experiments and participate in

hands-on learning to enhance classroom science education.

First Sunday programs occur on the first Sunday of each month. These family programs contain a different arts and culture theme each month and encourage cultural understand-

ing and arts appreciation through participatory learning.

Nature Lab is the Museum's living exhibit containing live plants and animals from the Inland areas and beyond. A Lab technician is always available to answer questions and facilitate discovery. Nature Lab is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 1:30-4:30.

Special School Day Events

The Museum periodically offers intensive school day events in the areas of science, history and anthropology. Special mailing will be sent to schools when these programs are available for reservation.